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Society of Enquiry to
the Theo. Sem. &c. &c. Princeton Theo. Seminary
Greeting.

Dear Brethren.

Influenced by an attachment to the Redeemers Cause, and feeling some degree of interest in the spread of the Gospel, & the salvation of men, not only in our own Country but also for the benighted in distant climes, we would desire as brethren in Christ to hold correspondence with those in kindred Institutions who anticipate as their life work, the publishing abroad of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God. We conceive that such a correspondence if mutually sustained by the various Theo. Seminaries of our Country, would be of great benefit to those who are Candidates for the Gospel Ministry by furnishing information concerning the state of Religious interest in different localities

Not only would the purposes of Theological Students become strengthened by such a contemplation but their views of the world wide harvest field would be greatly enlarged, while their occupations

of the Sacraments and importance of the Ministerial Office would become more vivid & perfect.

To this end, the Society for Religious Inquiry have in this Institution would solicit correspondence with you through me as their Corresponding Sec. As a Society we hold such a Communication with most of the Seminaries of Our Country; though we have never opened a Correspondence with yours at Princeton.

The present academic year, which is about to close, has in many respects been a prosperous one to our Institution, though the state of Religion during the year past has been less favorable than in some previous years in the history of our Institution. Yet a number of Pious Members have in the blessings of a gracious Revival in the immediate Vicinity. During the past winter Meetings for Prayer and Conference were continued each Morning in the Institution for a number of weeks, and though the results at the time were not marked with a general display of religious interest and feeling as would have been desired, yet the blessings bestowed in answer to prayer were realized by a goodly number. Our Regular & Monthly Reports before the Soc. have been quite as interesting, and better attended than those

presented here for for some time

While our Institution has been highly characterized during the years of its past history as possessing a Missionary Character & element it hereby sent forth to distant heathen lands quite as many heroes of the Cross, as any other Institution in our Country. Our ~~Our~~ hearts have been saddened to see of late a declining of the Missionary Spirit in our midst. But few such willing become forward and consecrate themselves to the work of foreign Missions in comparison to those who enter the home field. And yet with some there is too much of a tendency to turn aside from the work of the Ministry at home even

But we trust that ere another Winter Session shall pass by in Madison University, that the reviving & sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit shall be greatly felt & experienced by all her members. For this we pray, & an interest in your prayers. — May we not hope to receive letters of Encouragement from time to time in the future. —

On behalf of the Soc. of Inquiry

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